

MAYER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

Call Work Session to order at 7:20 p.m. by Mayor Dodge.

PRESENT: Mayor Dodge, Council Members Butterfield, Boder, McNeilly, and Stieve-McPadden  
ABSENT

STAFF: City Administrator McCallum, Public Works Kuntz, and Deputy Clerk Gildemeister  
ALSO PRESENT: Jon Rodd, Michael Broadwater, Kayla Feide, Don Wachholz, Kaye Timmers

- 1. Jaguar Communication Follow Up with Council:** Jon Rodd and Michael Broadwater gave an update on the status of the fiber installation project for the City. Jon stated that Jaguar Communication is in the final stage of the project. They are finishing the last section of town in the West Ridge area and are 99.9% completed. Michael stated in the next 3 – 4 weeks they look to be done with installation and restoration. He informed Council that Crown Underground is laying black dirt and hydroseeding on top. They are working on the eastern side of town and working their way west. He asked if the City could communicate to the homeowners that they need to water the seed as needed. Staff will post information on Facebook. Jon reported that about 40% of Mayer residents have signed up for their services. Mayor Dodge shared that the City has received very positive comments about Jaguar’s services and recommended working on improving their communication to residents. Council Member Butterfield suggested that Jaguar leave materials for homeowners to set up phone and internet. Jon stated that they do have packets that they leave with the homeowner and apologized for the error. Council thanked Jon and Michael for the update.
- 1. Discussion on Utility Software-Payment Network Service:** City Administrator McCallum is looking into switching utility payment software programs to one that offers more resources and tools for residents. The software would allow payee to view their utility bill information including their bill history, payment history, and usage history on-line. Residents would be able to make reoccurring, scheduled payments on-line. Council agreed that the software would be beneficial to the residents. Council asked Staff to research the advantages to the City and the costs associated with switching to a new utility software program.
- 2. Discussion on Tower Lease Amendment Agreement Signing Bonus:** City Administrator McCallum asked Council for direction on how to spend the Tower Lease Amendment Agreement \$40,000.00 signing bonus. Staff proposed 2 options: New Audio/Visual upgrades in Council Chambers and New Roof on City Hall/Community Center. Council agreed that the funds should be used for both options. Council asked Staff to research costs and acquire additional bids for new audio/visual upgrades in the Council Chambers and new roof for City Hall/Community Center.
- 3. Discussion on Waiving Gambling License:** The City on occasion, receives requests to allow for one-day gambling licenses. Charitable organizations can participate in five forms of lawful gambling (bingo, paddlewheels, pull-tabs, raffles, and tip boards). The organization is required to complete the “Exempt Permit” application and submit to the City for approval and then required to submit to the State of Minnesota for final approval. There is a 30-day waiting period for board review from the State of Minnesota. Staff did some research and found that the State of

Minnesota allows a City of local entity to waive the waiting period. Council was all in agreement to the waiving of the 30-day waiting period and directed Staff to investigate charging a fee for the license.

4. **Discussion on Children at Play Signs** – City Administrator McCallum asked Council for direction on how to proceed with a request to put up “Children at Play” signs from a resident. Council all agreed that the City is opposed to putting up signs stating that the Federal Regulation Mandate does not allow Cities to post this kind of signage. Concerns about traffic should be directed to the Sheriff’s Department as it is an enforcement issue. Council supports the drafting of a policy if Staff desired.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janell Gildemeister, Deputy City Clerk